



GARDEN STATE MARQUETRY SOCIETY PLUS

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Highlights from the June 2012 Meeting

Club Library: Four new books and one new DVD (i.e., Fine Woodworking) have been added to our club library.

Library Policy: Please note that the Library (where we meet) has told us of their policy that there is to be no exchange of money allowed inside the library. Thus, any transactions need to occur outside of the library building.

Door Prize: John DiGiovanni won the Router Bit Set and the Easy Cut Glass Cutter. Eva Hoefele won the Easy Cut Glass Cutter and a Treeline Gift Certificate.

The **Patterns Committee:** consists of Rob, Joe and Frank. Ben has donated some patterns and gave them to John L, Sr. We are working on finding a way to post non-commercial patterns online where only our club members can access.

The **Membership List** is being updated over the summer and will be available next September.

Upcoming Event:

NJ Fall Forestry Festival. Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 10am to 3pm, rain or shine, at Forest Resource Education Center (FREC) – Jackson, NJ.

- This is a fun and fundraising event for us. We will have at least Bat House kits (20) to sell for \$10, and Tool Boxes kits (8) to sell for \$8. Club members can cut and make these kits. The kids will purchase and assemble the kits.

- Club members can also make small wood items to donate for the club to sell at the October Fall Forestry Center event. These wood items would be sold for kids, as this is not a big dollar item event. The club already has several hundred dollars worth of inventory from last year's event. For anyone who can make 10 of "something" to donate, that would be adequate.
- Things that sell well include simple toys, cars, planes, trucks, scroll-saw stuff, like ornaments; small animals; sports team names, single block letters, etc.
- We will also have our October Meeting picnic at the Forestry Festival (which will include: hero sandwiches, chips, and drinks).

Demonstration: In June, John Graham presented a workshop on: Using a Scrollsaw To Do Marquetry. See details on Page 2.

Next Meeting will be on Sept 8th, at 9am. (This is the second Saturday of the month.)

Any questions or comments go to John T. at 610-222-3829 or matjht@comcast.net. □

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Upcoming Meetings:

2012: Summer Break; Sept 8 (2nd Saturday of the Month); Oct 6 (at Forestry Center); Nov 3; and Dec 1.

2013: January 5; February 2; March 2; April 6; May 4; and June 1st; Summer Break.

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Using a Scroll Saw To Do Marquetry

Demonstration by John Graham

Marquetry can be done with a Scroll Saw as well as with an X-acto knife. A Proxon saw is small and easy to transport, however the DeWalt brand is often preferred.

Today's demonstration is based on a method used by Paul Schurch and is known as the packed method of stacked veneers. This packed method can be used with up to six veneers. For demonstration purposes, we only used two veneers taped together and cut square at a 90-degree angle.

When veneers are cut with a machine, there will be a minor gap between the pieces, usually the size of the thickness of blade. A double-bevel cutting method is used and the cuts are made at an angle to account for the gap the saw-blade leaves. The double-bevel method is very forgiving. You will cut two pieces of veneer and the bottom piece comes up and fills the gap above.

The amount of angle used depends on the thickness of the material and the blade. If you are using a 3 “aught” (i.e., #3/0, 3-0-3) blade with a normal veneer, then use about a 15-degree angle or mount your saw at that angle. Whichever angle you choose, use that same angle throughout the entire project.

It is okay to trace your pattern directly onto the front of your piece, since you will remove the graphite markings when cleaning up with sanding. Always keep your original pattern intact. Use it with graphite/transfer paper and reference marks to mark your next cuts, then you don't need to use the hinge pattern method. If you don't have graphite transfer paper, you can also use pencil scribble on back of the pattern and press through to transfer the pencil graphite onto your piece. There are advantages and disadvantages to any method.

Always cut beyond the end of your cut line. To prevent chip out, do either of the following: on the saw, use a board with a tiny hole to cut through, or put a sacrificial piece behind the piece you are cutting.

The fifteen-degree angle cut makes it easy enough for you to play with fitting the pieces without the piece falling through, but not so hard that you need a hammer to get it in. Easiest way to find the best angle is trial and error. Always test first to make sure it's going to work for you.

The higher the blade number, the thinner the blade; 6 “aught” is the finest. It is harder to do really fine pieces or sharp angles with a saw. For sharp corners: keep the wood to the back of blade; at a corner, turn the saw off, turn the piece, then continue. □



John Graham - Using a Scroll Saw for Marquetry Demonstration

“Show & Tell” Projects from June Meeting



Tom Fantana - 70 patches of veneer - undyed versus dyed (with ferris sulfate) wood sample board. Now working on identifying the woods.



Pete Laudati - Carved characters from rough-outs, added detail and painted.



John DiGiovanni - In progress, flowers in jar, relief carving, likes to undercut for natural shadow effect.



Larry - Pirate character cut from rough-out (which was router-cut not band-saw cut)



Eva Hoefele - Knife protectors made from two pieces ¼ inch wood; cut width of knife onto one side.



Carol - Whale Intarsia & Rose Intarsia



Julius - Intarsia Dog and Scroll-Saw Bowl.

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Location: The Monmouth County Library on: 125 Symmes Rd, in Manalapan, NJ

You can find Directions online at: http://gsmsplus.com/meeting_info.php